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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- ALL-WALES SCOUT CAMP
- BEAVER SCOUT LEADERS CONFERENCE
- WORLD JAMBOREE BADGE SET
- NEW CANOE EVENT
- WALES TEAMS



## WELCOME TO 2002!!



We wish everyone in Scouting in Wales a very happy and successful New Year. The year 2002 promises to be the start of very exciting times for Scouting with the introduction of Explorer Scouts, Scout Network, the publication of new programmes for all Sections and changes to the Adult Training programme. These changes are not of a cosmetic nature but will ensure that Scouting remains relevant to young people of today.

We have been very fortunate in Wales that funding secured by the Welsh Scout Council has already supported, by over £4,000, the work being done by Areas to initiate these changes. This money has been used to ensure that the cost to Areas of members attending conferences, launches and other PRI events is kept as low as possible. Further financial support will be available this year.

During 2002 we also have a number of major events in Wales (*see below for details*). This will give us an excellent opportunity to meet you and your young members. Remember the Welsh Scout Council is here to support your work in Scouting, let us know what help you need.

Whatever we do in Scouting, we must all remember to ask ourselves this question: 'is what I am doing improving the experience of Scouting for a young person'. If we can all answer this question with a resounding 'YES' then by the end of the year we will know that 2002 has been an excellent year for Scouting in Wales.

**ROY WHITTINGTON**  
CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF WALES

**DAVID MARSH**  
CHAIRMAN

## YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED!!!

By the end of January District Commissioners will have received a bumper bundle that will contain booking forms and details of the following events:

**Beaver Scout Leaders' Conference—27th April, 2002**

**All-Wales Scout Camp—21st-23rd June, 2002**

**Canoe Training and Cruises 2002—various dates throughout the year**

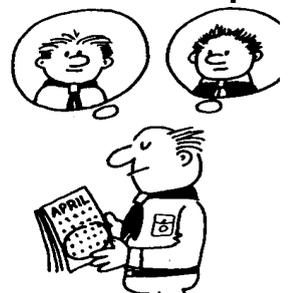
They will have enough copies for each Leader in the District. If you do not receive a copy get in touch with your District Commissioner and ask for a copy, get in touch with the Welsh Scout Council office and ask for a copy, download your own from:

[www.scoutbase.org.uk/wales](http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/wales)—

**BUT PLEASE DO NOT SIT THERE AND DO NOTHING!**

There will also be information in the District about

**Cub Fun Day—8th June, 2002.**



**THE GAMBIA—  
THE VIDEO!  
THE PHOTOS!!  
THE MAGAZINE!!!**

The fun is not over yet. To let others see some of the fun that they had, and also to assist in raising funds for the return visit from The Gambia, the 2001 expedition have produced two resources.

Firstly, there is a video. This has both a short 'highlights' film, and a much longer version. Much of the filming was done by the Explorers themselves when they were actually out in the villages.

Secondly, there are the photos and presentations. Some 800 digital photos were taken during the three weeks. These have all been put onto a CD-ROM. Also on the disc is a copy of the presentation made at the Welsh Scout Council Annual General Meeting, and a copy of the slide show that was running for most of the afternoon.

Both the video and the CD cost £10 each, all profits going to assist with the return visit taking place this summer. To order, make a cheque out to the Welsh Scout Council and send it with a covering letter to the normal address.

Finally, it is hoped that a write-up of the 2001 expedition will be in the February issue of Scouting magazine.

**MISKIN**

Work has been progressing at Miskin and by the end of January it is hoped to have the roof on the toilet block extension.

Any offers of help would be much appreciated, they meet on the second Thursday of every month.

Bookings are rolling in for 2002, so if you want to use Miskin get in touch with the Booking Secretary, Pat Doyle on 01443 205629.



**SOMETHING TO CONTEMPLATE!**

David Goldsmith is moving house! Therefore, his office has had to be packed into boxes ready for the move and he estimates that, despite having completed a lot of 'thinning' he has over a ton of paper boxed and ready to move! This does not include a very full four-drawer filing cabinet!

This ton + relates to Scouting in Wales!!

He is going to look very carefully at the office floor at his new address before moving in!



**FOR SALE**

Risograph digital photocopier—7 years old. Not over used. Cost £2000 new. Fully serviced with supply of master skins and ink. Price: £300 or near offer. Can be viewed at PADSAC District Headquarters, Penarth. Please contact: Dennis Bartley Telephone: 029 20 712187

**ALL-WALES SCOUT CAMP**

Bookings are now being taken for this camp, which takes place from Friday 21st June to Sunday 23rd June. The last camp attracted over 700 campers, this year the maximum is set at 1,000.

Don't leave it too late to book your places for the weekend of activities. Copies of the booking forms and other details have been distributed. Should you want another copy, or to get additional information you can do three things:

- Contact your AAC (Scouts)
- Write to: AWSC, RER Scout House, Plasnewydd Road, Roath, Cardiff CF24 3GP
- Log on to Scoutbase/Wales and follow the links. There are copies of all documentation available here, as well as links to frequently updated information.



**CONGRATULATIONS!!**



Congratulations to Barry Herring, Canoe Adviser for Snowdonia & Anglesey, who has received an award from the Torch Trophy Trust. The Trust, set up in 1962, works to encourage voluntary work for sport at club level through the UK. In 2001 20 individuals

were identified to receive an Award—one of whom was Barry Herring.

On 13th December, 2001 Barry attended a reception at Queens Club, Kensington where he was presented with the Award by the Duchess of Gloucester. The Award is a miniature replica of the 1948 Olympic torch.

## STADIUM SALES TO SUPPORT YOUNG PEOPLE

Money from Millennium Stadium ticket sales will help young people across Wales to reach their goals. Plans to develop the charitable trust for the Millennium Stadium were revealed during October on the eve of the Wales v Ireland Six Nations match.

The first scheme, which will be up-and-running from January 2002, will focus on giving young people more diverse sporting and cultural opportunities across Wales. Established through an agreement between the Millennium Stadium plc and the Millennium Commission the majority of the Trust's income will be generated through a levy of 25p on every ticket purchased for public events at the Stadium.

The grant scheme will be managed by the Wales Council for Voluntary Action and the Trust is currently working with WCVA to finalise the plans for the first grant scheme.

You can find out more information from the Trust's web page on the Stadium's website at:

[www.millenniumstadium-plc.co.uk](http://www.millenniumstadium-plc.co.uk)

## BOAT— YOURS FOR THE TAKING!!

Laying at Porthmadog, North Wales the present owner wishes that the boat's future home will be with Scouts.



There are only a few details available:  
HULL—G.R.P., reasonable condition, length between six and seven metres, small cabin.  
ENGINE—not complete, Volvo Penta, petrol inboard needs considerable work plus cash outlay.

Sitting on a trailer which is in fair condition, one flat tyre, condition of wheel bearings unknown. No doubt needs servicing before road use.

Interested parties should ring Ron Cox on 01407 730592 for further discussions.

## INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF MOUNTAINS

The United Nations has designated 2002 as the International Year of Mountains. While there are a number of national and international initiatives going on why not bring it down to a sensible level for your section, District or Area? 'International' has always been a strong part of Scouting and it can easily be linked to mountains.

For a few ideas what about the following:

1. Go on an overseas camp in a mountainous area. Every country in Europe has some mountains or hills—even Holland has a hill 300 metres high. If you get a move on with the planning it is not too late to go.
2. Have a camp in the UK in a mountainous area.
3. Climb your nearest hill or mountain. Remember you need someone with the right authorisation but there are quite a lot of those dotted around Wales. Make it a sponsored event in aid of a charity.
4. Make 2002 the year you really will go and do that mountain training course ready for 1 January 2005.
5. Get a mountaineer to come and talk to your Troop or Unit about mountaineering.
6. Challenge your District Commissioner (or even your Area Commissioner!) to climb at least a hill, if not a mountain. A Venture Scout Unit to greet him/her on top with hot coffee might be a good incentive.
7. Think of ten more international/mountain activities and do them!!

P.S. We will print in Sgowtiaid a list of every Area Commissioner and District Commissioner who rises to the challenge with the name of the hill or mountain climbed and the VSU who provided refreshments at the top!!



## CALLING ALL BEAVER SCOUT LEADERS!

The 2002 All-Wales Beaver Scout Leaders Conference will be held on Saturday, 27 April at Llandrindod Wells High School. This is your chance to hear up-to-date ideas about the programme from Graham Coulson (HQ Commissioner for Beaver Scouts); discuss with others current issues such as child and adult safety or how deal with challenging behaviour; see and buy the newest uniform, publications and craft material; learn new skills in the exciting bases and ask any questions you have in an open forum. All for only £6.00. P.S. Don't forget to invite your Helpers to come along too!

## WORLD JAMBOREE—THAILAND 2002/3

In just twelve months time a group of Welsh Scouts and Guides will be representing Wales at the World Jamboree in Thailand. Their preparation for this big event has just started and they are about to enjoy their first training event at Silvercross in Swansea.

You can help the Contingent and others from developing countries by purchasing the Contingent Souvenir Badge Pack. This pack contains the Welsh Contingent Badge and the UK Contingent Badge in a souvenir cover. The cost is £5.00 and 10% of the proceeds will be donated to Operation Sattahip to give support to Scouts attending from Third World Countries. Send your cheque plus an stamped addressed C5 envelope to the Welsh Scout Council office.

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or about Scouting in Wales,  
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office.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2002

**9th February —Wales' Team**

**Meetings**

**9th March —Programme and Training  
Sub-committee**

**23rd March —Area Commissioners'  
Meeting**

**27th April —Beaver Scout Leaders  
Conference**

**WE'RE ON THE WEB—**  
**www.scoutbase.org.**  
**uk/wales**

Deadline for next Edition:  
31st March, 2002  
Material can be sent by  
post, fax or E-mail



## **YOU READ IT FIRST IN SGOWTIAID!!!**

In 2003 Barry Herring plans to add the following to the Welsh Scout Council Canoe Events list:

Welsh Canoe Association Frostbite Dee Tour between Carrog and Llangollen. They hope to make this an annual affair attempting to cater for those canoeists that have progress beyond the existing Severn and Wye Cruises. The aim of the event is to further and test the experience of the more advanced canoeists within the Welsh Scout Region.

The River Dee at this point in its course is only paddleable between November and January on selected events and the event attracts canoeists of high calibre from all over the country. It is a classic white water trip, taking in sites of international competition.

Barry and 14 others gathered at the Trevor Scout HQ over the first weekend in January to paddle the course and those who took part considered it a success.

Watch this space for more details nearer 2003.

If you cannot wait that long and want to know more now then contact Barry on 01766 512159 or Ron Cox on 01407 730592.

## **NEW NAMES—NEW AIMS!**

Many of you will have heard of the Advisory Panels for Wales that meet twice a year. From 1st January, 2002 the Advisory Panels have been re-titled the 'Wales' Teams'. As with the Panels, there will be a Team for each of the Sections as well as for Activities, Adult Training, Scout Fellowship, All-Wales Patrol Leaders' Team and International. Membership of the Teams will remain the same, with each Area sending a representative, usually the Assistant Area Commissioner or an Adviser. There will be further changes to the Teams when the new Sections are introduced later this year.

The purpose of the Teams will be to look at the strategic development of Scouting in Wales within their special area of responsibility.

In addition, Headquarters staff intend to visit each Region of the UK once a year to maintain close contact with grassroots Scouting. Their first visit is to the Team meetings on 9th February and this will provide a very full day of discussions both with Headquarters staff and with each Team's individual Agenda.

If you want to know more about the work of the Wales' Teams contact your Area Commissioner.